

Harrow/Harrowing

1726 April 11 (Monday). Robert Henry came to live with me. Neighbor Clark Sow'd My Oats, and Some Peas. William Clark Harrow'd till Eleven o'Clock and then Robert took the Work.

1738 May 1 (Monday). Mr. Habijah Bruce sent his son Charles with a Yoke of Oxen to cross my Grass-Ground and they began to work, but old Mr. Greaves gave me so much of his Experience of planting upon the sods, that offering also to assist me in it, we proceeded to have it harrowed and then planted it. His Brother Francis Pierce also help'd in it.

1738 May 4 (Thursday). Watkins carted muck and Harrowed. P.M. came Abraham Moss, whom I at Eve hired for 4 Months for 20£.

1738 May 5 (Friday). Abraham Moss began to work. Watkins work'd till noon and then, with Consent, left us. Carting Muck and harrowing and furrowing out.

1740 September 12 (Friday). Ensign Forbush¹ sent his Son and a Yoke of Cattle, Sergeant Bruce a Son and a Yoke of Cattle and Captain Warrin² his Oxen, and plough and Harrow to plough and harrow [*sic*] my rugged Ground on the South Side.

1742 April 12 (Monday). Thomas harrowing and sowing. Sowed wheat by the old House.

1746 October 25 (Saturday). Still admirable Weather. My Sons harrow'd my Settle Field. Also We Cover'd up about 3 Bushel of Turnips and about a Dozen and half of Cabbages in a Vault prepar'd for that Purpose.

1747 April 2 (Thursday). Ebenezer Carted Stones a.m. Harrow'd p.m.

1751 May 13 (Monday). Ebenezer harrows the Ground at the Island.

1752 April 28 (Tuesday). Ebenezer plough'd there again, and harrow'd it p.m. with Mrs. Newtons Harrow. He had done before Night.

1754 May 16 (Thursday). I went into the Neighbourhood to get somebody to plough or harrow my Ground, but without Success.

1754 November 21 (Thursday). Moses Nurse with 2 Yoke of Oxen, and my Billy helping, plough'd, sow'd Rye and harrow'd it in.

1754 November 23 (Saturday). Last Night is froze hard. Billy having harrow'd yesterday with Ebenezer's Oxen at the Island at Night went home with them. He this Morning return'd here

¹Thomas Forbush, Jr.
²Daniel Warrin.

with them, and Carted out Muck into the Garden and Grass Ground. Thomas help'd him a.m. but was ill p.m.

1755 September 8 (Monday). I am again endeavouring to carry on the tilling my now broke Land, by providing for the harrowing of it.

1755 September 10 (Wednesday). Harrow my new Ground; with 8 Oxen, viz. my sons, and Lieutenant Forbush, Samuel Forbush, and Mr. Rogers's. Mr. Rogers and John Frost were the Men that manag'd it. Mr. Benjamin Nichols work'd for me in Clearing at the Newton Meadow.

1756 May 10 (Monday). My Son Ebenezer came over with his Steers and Mare, which joined to my own steers and Mare, he used to Harrow my Meeting House Field.

1756 November 16 (Tuesday). Billy has his Brothers Oxen and a Yoke of Mr. D. Hardy's, and Nathan Kenny helps him in ploughing; and in harrowing in Rye, in the field behind the Meeting House. Mr. Aaron Nurse sows the Grain.

1756 November 17 (Wednesday). Ebenezer with his Oxen, Mare and my Mare harrow the Field abovesaid, Billy driving, and Mr. Aaron Nurse sowing. N.B. they dined here.

1757 May 11 (Wednesday). Mr. Ebenezer Forb. harrows some new ground turned up by Mr. Nurse.

1758 May 11 (Thursday). I walked out into the South on Various Affairs, and made Several visits. Particularly Sought a Team to harrow my new ploughed Ground.

1759 May 14 (Monday). Mr. *Richard Kelly* comes to work for me. *Alexander* gets a Yoke of Deacon *Bonds* Cattle and a Yoke of Mr. *Warrins*, and they harrow the Ground at the Island and behind the Meeting House.

1760 April 17 (Thursday). At Mr. Timothy Warrins. P.M. he sends his son Joseph and a Yoke of Oxen to plough and harrow in order to sow spring Rye.

1760 April 18 (Friday). Benjamin Warrin with a yoke of Cattle p.m. to harrow etc.

1760 May 5 (Monday). Mr. Tainter brings a Team p.m. to harrow my Field at the Island. He leaves his Boy with Alex to do it and they do it accordingly.

1761 May 12 (Tuesday). Under Difficultys and Perplexitys about preparing our Ground for planting. But I obtained of Mr. Batheric to send his Son and his Oxen, and Mr. Samuel Forb. Oxen, to plough in the forenoon. We had a Scheme for harrowing p.m. but it fell through.... As Soon a I came home, and designing to engage in my Study, was forced to go about the Neighbourhood to prepare for harrowing tomorrow, Since we were so sorrowfully Disappointed for to Day.

1765 September 6 (Friday). Thomas and John harrow. Sow one Bush. Wheat, which I have of Mr. Tainter.

1765 September 7 (Saturday). Thomas and John Sow and harrow in, [4?] Bush. and half of Rye.

1765 September 13 (Friday). Received a Bushel of Wheat of Capt. Maynard, which Thomas and John harrowed in, at the Island.

1765 November 20 (Wednesday). John harrows a.m. and plows in a little Rye.

1766 May 6 (Tuesday). Caleb harrows the Beeton Field and p.m. in the West Field.

1766 May 13 (Tuesday). Caleb and John harrow new turned up Ground at the Island.

1766 May 14 (Wednesday). They sow that Ground with Oates: and Beeton Field with Flax. Nigh a Bushel.

1766 September 8 (Monday). N.B. Caleb has Lt. Baker's Oxen again, with Nathan Kennys and mine to harrow our New Ground.

1767 September 14 (Monday). Mr. Nurse helps me part of the Forenoon and part of Afternoon, in harrowing and sowing Rye in W. Field. Had Deacon Woods Oxen.

1780 April 25 (Tuesday). Hopkins goes to work -- uses my Steers and Deacon Wood's Oxen and Harrow and Ben Wood helps, in harrowing and getting out muck.

1780 October 14 (Saturday). Mr. Ebenezer Maynard very kind in sowing and harrowing, both yesterday till afternoon and today a.m. with his son and yoke of Oxen. He did it gratis.

1780 October 27 (Friday). We try the new Horse my son Alexander sent me, and with my Oxen I have a sufficient Team for splitting ----- (?) and harrowing in Rye.